

Frankford Arsenal, Building 203  
Southeast corner of Heath Street and Hagner Road  
Philadelphia  
Philadelphia County  
Pennsylvania

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Location: Southeast corner of Heath Street and Hagner Road  
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Quad: Frankford

Date of Construction: 1943

Significance: Building 203 is one of many small sheds and storehouses scattered throughout the grounds of the Frankford Arsenal, the U.S. Army's principal manufacturer of small arms ammunition.

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## **HISTORY**

This storehouse was built as part of an oil storage area in 1943, but was converted to an ordnance facility in the 1970s.

## **DESCRIPTION**

Building 135 is a one-story structure on a concrete foundation, measuring approximately 42 feet by 18 feet. It has an overhanging gable roof, covered with asbestos shingles, topped by a ventilator. The one-story frame and asbestos shingle addition on the south side measures approximately 6 feet by 6 feet. The one-story frame and aluminum siding entry on the north side measures approximately 10 feet by 3 feet. The east end of the building is covered with coated cardboard, and the west end has a two-leaf door with four lights in each leaf.

## **SOURCE**

John Milner Associates, "Historical and Archeological Survey of Frankford Arsenal," West Chester, PA: John Milner Associates, 1979.

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